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orders to "apply the soft pedal" could not have been given by President Roosevelt, as he did not become President until September of that year. It was misled by Professor Ripley's use of the indefinite word "commission" in the same paragraph that referred to the testimony taken by the Interstate Commerce Commission in 1907.

GEORGE KENNAN.

NEW YORK CITY.

PATRIOTISM ABOVE PARTY

SIR,—I have read with interest your articles in recent issues of **THE NORTH AMERICAN REVIEW**.

It seems to me this is a time for patriotism irrespective of party.

We want universal service, and I shall vote for that man who will get it for us irrespective of party. I also favor Dr. Humphreys's stand on military instruction.

I note your attitude on Secretary Daniels, and feel that if we fight hard we shall get what we want.

HENRY TORRANCE.

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